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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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### **New Fire Detected in Sequoia National Park**

Fire managers detected a new lightning-caused fire on Wednesday August 15, 2012 in Sequoia National Park. The Dennison Fire is burning at about 8,000 feet in elevation on the south slope of Mt. Dennison. The fire is less than 0.5 miles north of the Sequoia National Forest boundary.

The Dennison Fire is being suppressed by firefighters and the parks helicopter. Fire behavior is moderate; the current fire size is 0.3 acre.

The parks chose to suppress this fire because of a high potential for growth, hot and dry conditions, significant fire activity across the western United States, and its location close to the park boundary.

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